#### STATE OF ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE SECURITIES DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF: SILVERSHORE INVESTMENT GROUP

ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS,

EMPLOYEES, AFFILIATES, SUCCESSORS, ) File No. 0800031

AGENTS AND ASSIGNS, AND KEVIN GRAY

ORDER OF PROHIBITION

TO THE RESPONDENTS:

Kevin Gray

SilverShore Investment Group

170 Tucker Springs Road Sopchoppy, Florida 32358

WHEREAS, the record of the above captioned matter has been reviewed by the Secretary of State or his duly authorized representative;

WHEREAS, the rulings of the Hearing Officer on the admission of evidence and all motions are deemed to be proper and are hereby concurred with by the Secretary of State;

WHEREAS, the proposed Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law and Recommendation of the Hearing officer, Jon K. Ellis, in the above-captioned matter have been read and examined;

WHEREAS, the following proposed Findings of Fact are correct and are adopted by the Secretary of State as follows:

- 1. The pleadings and Exhibits have been offered and received from the Department, and a proper record of proceedings has been made and preserved as required by law.
- The Hearing Officer has ruled on all motions and 2. objections timely made and submitted.
- The Hearing Officer and the Secretary of State Securities 3. Department have jurisdiction over the parties herein and subject matter dealt with herein, due and proper notice having been previously given as required by statute in this Matter.
- 4. As no Answers were filed, the Respondents are therefore deemed to be in default.

- 5. The Respondent Silvershore Investment Group is a purported business entity, with a last known address of 170 Tucker Springs Road, Sopchoppy, Florida 32358.
- 6. At all times relevant, the Respondent Kevin Gray was an officer, director, agent or employee of Silvershore Investment Group.
- 7. During the month of June, 2005, the Respondents offered and sold to ADB, an Illinois resident, shares of stock in Respondents' trophy manufacturing business for a total investment amount of \$15,000.00.
- Section 2.1 of the Act (815 ILCS 5/2.1) defines the term 8. "Security" as "any note, stock, treasury stock, bond, debenture, evidence of indebtedness, certificate of interest or participation in any profit agreement, collateral trust certificate, pre-organization certificate or subscription, transferable investment contract, investment fund share, face-amount certificate, voting trust certificate, certificate of deposit for a security, fractional undivided interest in oil, gas or other mineral lease, right or royalty, any put, call, straddle, option or privilege on any security, certificate of deposit, or group of index of securities (including any interest therein or based on the value thereof), or any put, call, straddle, option or privilege entered into on a national securities exchange relating to foreign currency, or, in general, any interest or instrument commonly known as a "Security", or any certificate of interest or participation in, for, temporary or interim certificate receipt guarantee of, or warrant or right to subscribe to or purchase, any of the forgoing. "Security" does not mean a mineral investment contract or mineral deferred delivery contract; provided, however, the Department shall have the authority to regulate these contracts as hereinafter provided."
- 9. Each of the aforementioned shares of stock is a security as that term is defined pursuant to Section 2.1 of the Act.
- 10. Section 5 of the Act provides, inter alia, that all securities except those exempt under Section 3 of the Act

or those offered and sold in transactions exempt under Section 4 of the Act shall be registered with the Secretary of State prior to their offer or sale in the State of Illinois.

- 11. Section 12.A of the Act provides, inter alia, that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person to offer or sell any securities except in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
- 12. Section 12.D or the Act provides, inter alia, that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person to fail to file with the Secretary of State any document or application required to be filed under any provision of the Act.
- 13. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondents failed to file an application for registration of the abovereferenced securities with the Secretary of State prior to their offer or sale in the State of Illinois.
- 14. The respondents induced an Illinois resident to purchase said securities as detailed and documented in the Department's pleadings without first having registered the securities with the Illinois Secretary of State as is required by the Act.
- 15. Section 11.E(2) of the Act provides, inter alia, that if the Secretary of State shall find that any person has violated subsection D of Section 12 of the Act, the Secretary of State may by written order prohibit the person from offering or selling any securities in this State.
- 16. Section 11.E(3) of the Act provides, inter alia, that if the Secretary of State shall find that any person is engaging or has engaged in the business of selling or offering for sale securities as a dealer or salesperson without prior thereto and at the time thereof having complied with the registration or notice filing requirements of this Act, the Secretary of State may by written order prohibit the person from offering or selling any securities in this State.
- 17. Section 11.E(4) of the Act provides, <u>inter</u> <u>alia</u>, that if the Secretary of State, after finding that any provision of the Act has been violated, may impose a fine as

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provided by rule, regulation or order not to exceed \$10,000.00 for each violation ff the act, as well as the costs of investigation and reasonable expenses.

- 18. By virtue of the foregoing, the Respondents Silvershore Investment Group, their officers, directors, employees, agents, affiliates, successors and assigns, and Kevin Gray, have violated Sections 12.A and 12.D of the Act, and are subject to a fine of up to \$10,000.00 per violation, costs of investigation, reasonable expenses, an order of censure, and an order which permanently prohibits the Respondents from offering or selling securities in the State of Illinois.
- 19. The entry of a Final Order of Prohibition and/or a fine of up to \$10,000.00 for each violation of the Act is proper in this Matter, given the conduct of the Respondents as described in the pleadings and secretary of State Exhibit Nos. 1-7.

WHEREAS, the following proposed Conclusions of Law are correct and are adopted by the Secretary of State as follows:

- 1. The actions, statements, representations, and/or omissions of the Respondents made in connection with the failure to offer or sell any security in accordance with the provisions of the Act are violations of Section 12.A of the Act. The actions, representations, statements and/or omissions of the Respondents made in connection with the failure to file required documents with the Secretary of State are violations of Section 12.D of the Act.
- 2. By virtue of the foregoing, the Respondents Silvershore Investment Group, their officers, directors, employees, agents, affiliates, successors and assigns, and Kevin Gray, are subject to an Order of permanent Prohibition in the State of Illinois, a fine up to \$10,000.00 for each violation of the Act, and/or granting such other relief as may be authorized under the Act.
- 3. Because of the Findings of this Report and Recommendation, the pleadings and Exhibits admitted as Secretary of State Exhibits Nos. 1-7, as well as the fact that the Respondents failed to answer the Notice of Hearing or appear at the hearing, the Respondents are subject to the entry of a final written Order that permanently prohibits the Respondents pursuant to

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Sections 11.E(2) and 11.E(3) of the Act from offering or selling securities in the State of Illinois, imposes a fine pursuant to Section 11.E.4 of the Act not to exceed \$10,000.00 for each violation of the Act, and grants such other relief as may be authorized under the Act.

#### NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Respondents Silvershore Investment Group, their officers, directors, employees, agents, affiliates, successors and assigns, and Kevin Gray, shall be permanently prohibited from offering and selling securities in the State of Illinois;
- The Respondents Silvershore Investment Group, their officers, directors, employees, agents, affiliates, successors and assigns, and Kevin Gray, shall pay a fine in the amount of \$5,000 for violations of the Act, that liability will be joint and several, and that that Respondents will deliver a certified check(s) or money order(s) within ten (10) days of the entry of the Order. The check shall be payable to the Secretary of State, Securities Audit and Enforcement Fund.

ENTERED: This 26 day of August, 2009

Jesse White Secretary of State State of Illinois

NOTICE: Failure to comply with the terms of this Order shall be a violation of the Section 12.D of the Act. Any person or entity who fails to comply with the terms of this Order of the Secretary of State, having knowledge of the existence of the Order, shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony.

This is a final order subject to administrative review pursuant to the Administrative Review Law, [735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.] and

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the Rules and Regulations of the Illinois Securities Act, [14 Ill. Admin. Code Ch. I, Section 130.1123]. Any action for Judicial Review must be commenced within thirty-five (35) days from the date a copy of this Order is served upon the party seeking review.

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